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December 10th, 2012
Town Council Meeting
7pm Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Councilman David Ruff, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from November 19th, 2012 needs to be corrected, Councilman Ruff was not present at this meeting. The minutes from November 26th, 2012 council workshop was not available at this time. Councilman Reiss motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion accepted.

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Cooke; Read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO – Minutes not available at the time of the meeting.

P&Z – No meeting was held in December.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – No written report submitted; Commissioner Joseph stated that he was disappointed that the streets were being cut into by the gas company but, the Town Administrator talked with the gas company and the patches will be made according to our specifications and they are all necessary repairs due to gas leaks.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing. Commissioner stated parks and cemeteries are overall favorable.
- Police Report – Commissioner Chaffinch added that the Chief has applied for additional funding to place the camera in the park. A ninety foot trench needs to be dug to accommodate the camera installation. No specific date on installation as of yet.
- Mayor's Report – Submitted in writing.

New Business:

A. Bids for the test well received:

1. AC Shultes \$31,658.00
2. Uni-Tech \$31,575.00

Councilman Atkinson motioned to accept the bid recommendation by Davis, Bowen



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- & Friedel to award the test well to Uni-Tech for \$31,575.00; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion carried.
- B. Service Contract for the well inspections received from AC Shultes. Motion made to accept the contract by Councilman Atkinson; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
 - C. Christmas Eve as a Holiday? Council discussed giving the employees either a half day or full day of the holiday off. Councilman Chaffinch motioned to give the employees a half of a day for this Christmas Eve off; Councilman Reiss seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - D. Town Wide Trash Service; Mayor feels that more input from the citizens is necessary; we need to get more surveys in or a workshop/public input meeting before putting the bid out.
 - E. 2013 Budget; the Mayor thanked council for attending all the budget meetings. Resolution #2012.12.10 R02 motion to accept by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion carried.

Good of the Community:

Concerned citizen stated that the flag was not a half-staff over the weekend. We believe that it was tampered with then.

Joe McCabe did an excellent job for the Kid's Christmas Party and will be recognized for all of this hard work and efforts.

The ground around the speed bump on Sixth Street needs some type of bar so the cars can't go around it.

Citizen was concerned about shed and car break ins. The commissioner stated he would talk to the Chief about the problems.

Pitbulls are running loose; citizen was advised to call animal control once they see the dogs.

Councilman Ruff stated that the fire hall has breakfast on the first Sunday of every month.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator